



OFFICE OF THE  
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**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**  
**Room 201, Town Hall**  
**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Present: Chairman, Chris DiSilva, Selectman Jason Kreil, Selectman David Gavin, Selectman Terrence Donovan, Selectman Tim Egan, Town Administrator Kevin Sweet, Assistant Town Administrator Andrew Scribner-MacLean and Administrative Assistant Becky Mosca.**

**(This public meeting was recorded).**

**Executive Session** – for the purpose to deliberate upon strategy with respect to non-union personnel.  
Reconvene in open session

**Roll Call**

<u>Selectmen</u>	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Selectman Gavin	X			
Selectman Egan	X			
Selectman Kreil	X			
Selectman DiSilva	X			
Selectman Donovan	X			

Close Session note time 7:05 pm.

**Public Comments:** none

**Acceptance of Minutes, January 31, 2017** – Hold until next meeting

**List of Correspondence (mail to the Selectmen's Office for February 07, 2017). A- D.**

**A motion was made** by Selectman DiSilva to accept the list of correspondences as shown A thru D.  
Second by Selectman Egan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

**Joint Meeting with School Committee**

Attendees: Superintendent, Robert (Bob) Gerardi; School Committee Members, Dawn Capello, Jamal DeVita, Justin Hemm, Bethlynn Vergo Houlihan, and Mary Mertsch; Business Manager, Michelle Resendes; and Curriculum Director, Jennifer Gaudet.

#### A. FY18 School Budget Submittal

Gerardi indicated that for the past 5 years they have presented level service budgets – which have caused cuts and plan changes, class sizes, and cuts to staff. The schools have a process, along with cost drivers, bus services, union contracts and special education. Level Funded services + Salary + Expenses + Transportation + Athletics = a bottom line 6.25% increase. The school knows the Town has been very generous giving the schools extra monies from free cash and other sources but they have now hit the wall. The Schools noted the state allocation per child to Maynard does not cover all the cost spent per child.

Selectmen Donovan cautioned that we need to be careful when we compare numbers from state and even to other towns. Requests we bring the teachers to the table to share some of the responsibility and hear some ideas from union staff. We cannot allow the special education to put our school system behind. Superintendent agreed to bring back to teachers as they are in active negotiations and met weekly.

K. Sweet commented on the Town's revenue projections – new growth is down and Town does not have the 6.25% that the school requests for the FY18 budget. The BOS. /SC needs to have a subcommittee to work on the budget on an on-going basis.

Chairman DiSilva thinks we need to maintain budgets, as we do not know what the Town Administrator Kevin Sweet will be giving us for information on the budget until Saturday's Joint budget meeting for the FY18 budget plan. "There is no room for exception or compromise when it comes to the safety and health of our community, and we are committed to ensuring Maynard is, and will continue to be, the best community it can be."

Some unknown final numbers - health insurance costs, state local aide, school funding, and snow & ice expenses for this year.

Schools are concerned with what will be cut. Selectman Donovan suggested the schools consider an override. "If the schools really believe that is the best option then let the town make that decision."

#### B. FY18 School Priorities Discussion

Selectman Egan asked when the school knew about the lead paint issue at Green Meadow School. B. Gerardi explained the timeline. A. Miklosko has a plan to fix this issue with our own staff doing some/all of this repair work. The cost of this repair should go to the Finance Committee for emergency/reserve funding.

#### **MSBA Statement of Interest (SOI)**

Aaron Miklosko; ROOF - The Green Meadow School was built in 1955, then had additions and renovations in the, 1970s, 1980s, and in 1988. The cost to fix this roof is around \$1.5 million. This fix is for the roof at Green Meadow School. We think the school might have 10 or more years before considering replacement so repairing the roof is a prudent decision.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority has a grant option available that will cover 40% of the cost.

**A motion was made** by Selectman DiSilva to accept and approve the following;

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 7, 2017, prior to the Closing date, the Maynard Board of Selectmen, in accordance with its charter, By-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 17, 2017 for the Green Meadow Elementary School located at 5 Tiger Drive, Maynard, MA. Which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for a future roof replacement; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town/School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Second by Selectman Egan. Vote 5-0. Motion approved.

### **Water/Sewer – Senior Discount Policy Discussion**

**A motion was made** by Selectman DiSilva that the Maynard Board of Selectmen adopt fair and predictable Water and Sewer Enterprise fund budgets keeping the Water and Sewer Senior Citizen Discount program in place but limiting it to ratepayers who already qualify and are means tested for the following Town of Maynard supported exemption clauses:

- Exemption Clause 17D
- Exemption Clause 41C
- Exemption Clause 22
- Exemption Clause 22E
- Exemption Clause 37A

In addition to qualifying for this discount via the means testing above, the residents must also:

- Be 70 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the Fiscal Year to which the discount will be provided. The current rolling admissions program will be eliminated.
- Occupy the residence to which the water and sewer bill is addressed.

Additionally,

- The relief should be limited to a fixed dollar amount per quarter of \$50. This will provide annual relief of up to \$200 per qualifying ratepayer.
- If during a future Town meeting the voters decide to stop recognizing these Exemption Clauses for our residents, then the Water and Sewer Discount program would also end..

Effective Date, July 1, 2017.

Second by Selectman Egan. Vote 4-1 (Sel. Gavin). Motion approved.

**Town Administrator Report:**

**Chair Report;** Chair DiSilva received a letter from Marshall Hall regarding the same issues as in the past related to his property. DPW Director A. Miklosko and Engineer W. Amico went over to Mr. Hall's home back in October 2016 They went over the issues as stated – wet lands, vehicles idling and so on. Chairman wanted to know if Town has any responsibilities to this issue. TA, K. Sweet. No, it is private property and non-enforceable from Town. The property is near wetlands this is more to do with neighbors doing the right thing in that area.

**Board Member Reports**

**Selectman Egan:** none

**Selectmen Donovan:** none

**Selectman Gavin;** Indicated that he watched the Town of Acton's Board of Selectmen's meeting, The topic was to name Acton as a sanctuary town. ~~for immigration. Thinks this should be on the Maynard BOS agenda as Maynard is a welcoming town and does not see any reason that Maynard cannot be designated as a sanctuary for immigrants. He noted the Acton Police Department has a policy almost identical to what Chief Dubois wrote and I was pleased with the Chief's comments. Maynard is very diverse and welcoming.~~

Sidewalk down near Walgreens – still has the same problem. Can we have someone check and fix the pad before someone gets hurt?

**Selectman Kreil:**

**A motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Selectman DiSilva. Second by Selectman Gavin. Vote 5-0 pm. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 9:45 pm

Time: 7:05 pm

Approved: 4-0

Date:

  
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Selectman, Jason Kreil, Clerk

Initials: BJM